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## Dear Examiner Michener:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 4, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-7 and 9-26. This election is being made without traverse.

The undersigned authorizes any fees that may be required, or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

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